

Home Circle Column

SONG OF THE CANARY.

At this season of the year, one can learn a lesson of cheerfulness from the bird that carols cheerful songs from morn till eve. Another lesson they both teach us is that the bird that has its nest in the small and thorny bush sings as sweetly and is as happy as the one that calls the stately oak its home. So it is with families.

In the little cottage you often find the mother singing and more happy and contented than the one who dwells in the marble front. Let us learn a lesson from the birds and be cheerful in our homes, be they great or small.

One wiser than us has the following lesson of the canary and inquires what is more cheerful in a home than a canary bird warbling runs and thrills of song all day long?

To be joyful and to impart his fine spirit of contentment to others seems to be the canary's chief business in life. And how he does take it! No grudging, no skimping, no hungry watching the clock for him! But head thrown back and throat ripping, he pours out his message of cheer with a zeal and heartiness and complete dedication in which there doesn't seem to be a gleam of selfishness or a particle of stingy reserve.

Why don't you, also, sing at your work?

There's a lot of value in the habit. It unkinks the snarls and ruffles in your own mind and soul and it is a mighty good example to others.

One audibly happy person in a household office or workshop is often able to infect all the others for nothing is so contagious as an emotion. It's next to impossible to stay grumped alongside a person who is singing or joking. And unlike the one rotten apple which corrupts the basketful the most contagious of all emotions is the emotion of happiness. You could do this, too, by just taking a tip from the canary. To see the bright side, to impart joy instead of gloom, to be throughout a lifetime an infection center of happiness—of song have a show. You with all the advantages of a mind and a soul ought easily to be able to beat a dumb canary if you'd really try.

ACT WELL, YOU DARE.

Our happiness in this life depends not so much on circumstances and surroundings as in our determined efforts to do our best in all conditions in which we are placed. Our common heritage is more or less allied to sorrows and pain, but we have within ourselves the antidote—the sunshine of the heart that will alleviate, if not remove many of our troubles. But we persistently reject the means of happiness that lie within our reach, by ignoring present small pleasures in hopes of enjoying greater one in the future good time coming. Always keeps just ahead, and is unattainable. We cultivate little cares till they sometime attain enormous growth by constantly dwelling on them and dolefully rehearsing them to our friends when we should be our best to rise above them. In the most difficult and trying conditions there will often be a brighter side.

The world's greatest need today is men and women who have decision of character. Oh, the temptations we face for the man who has no opinion of his own

who is influenced by every little ripple of public opinion—no one is a real shaker of the world. The world is made up of men and women who are not only dignified and noble, but also standard to a neighbor, holder atmosphere, where vice cannot thrive. "Young man, set your mark high." No ideal is too lofty for your aspirations. Have courage to do the right in face of all opposition and you are every inch a hero. The world waits true, noble-hearted womanly women who by their sweet influence and hallowed presence will be as guardian angels to the weak and erring. Such a being can no more be contaminated by evil surroundings than the ray of sunlight which lightens up the prison cell. Oh women, thy mission is a high and holy one! Thy influence reaches out into eternity.

If faithful to duty the living will love and bless thee; the dying to whose wants thou dost minister will carry the impress of thy loved features into paradise. Go forth to duty with unfaltering trust in God.

Marriage never seems so much a failure to a man as when something goes wrong at home that he can't possibly blame on his wife.

The most recklessly extravagant woman has a vein of economy somewhere in her composition. Economy is born in a woman. It may not develop in a manner to prove beneficial either to herself or to her husband. Yet there will always be some point at which she will look well to the pennies and think and calculate with the ablest financier. She may be willing to pay \$100 for a gown, but will shop all over town to save ten cents a yard on the lining. She may spend \$5 for a ride in the park but she will begrudge five cents in car fare when out shopping. She may stint the table at one time and be wildly extravagant at another. Or ruin a whole garment by the desire to finish it cheaply which desire has remorsefully seized her at the last moment but there is one thing in which she never economizes. When she loves she loves with her whole heart. There is no stint—only a giving of all the wealth of her affection. Therefore do not laugh at her little economies; simply remember that a woman must be just made up of these contradictions that seem so ridiculous to the average masculine mind.

WHAT I HAVE NOTICED.

As a reader and admirer of your Home Circle Department, I take the liberty to send you a few lines that I believe is mostly of a place in this department of your paper which is weekly sowing such good seed in this community; and which alone is worth many times the subscription price of your paper. If you think different consign it to the basket and I will still be your

AUNT FRUE.

"I have noticed so many boys and young men on the streets on Sunday mornings, and I have thought how much more credit it would be for them to either stay at home, or take a walk in the country, or almost anything else, rather than be loafing before the doors of restaurants, munching peanuts or smoking cigars and staring at women and girls on their way to Sunday school and church too. Of course it would be better for them to go to Sunday school and church too, but if they will not for pity's sake let them keep off the streets."

I have noticed when meeting is held at church on nights, a great crowd of young fellows,

some of them the ones above alluded to, who are not at all best. Emerson says: "Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices," and certainly nothing can more thoroughly secure the harmony and peace of the family circle than the habit of making small sacrifices for one another. Children thus learn good manners in the best and most natural way; and habits thus acquired will never leave them. Courtesy and kindness will never lose their power or their charm, while all spurious imitations of them are to be despised.

He who can create his own happiness in the sphere in which he finds himself, has within him one of the real elements of success in business and success in winning happiness.

MANNERS AT HOME.

The presence of good manners is nowhere more needed or effective than in the household, and perhaps nowhere more rare. Whenever the familiarity exists there is a tendency to loosen the check upon selfish conduct which the presence of strangers involuntarily produces. Many persons who are kind and courteous in company, are rude and care

Notice TO one And All

The JAIL-VILLE Church was built to hold the worship of God. And every body is invited under its roof. Any Orthodox Church, or denomination can hold services in it when not occupied by the Colony people. But there must be a strict observance of the following rules. 1st. In coming upon the land owned by the Colony people there shall be no loud howling, no fast riding nor no shooting of guns or revolvers of any kind, in like manner when leaving the church house, observe the same rules; while in the house, and when in the house during services, there will be no unnecessary talking allowed, that will be of a disturbing nature to the worship or any other thing that will be of a disturbing nature. No smoking, no chewing of tobacco, or spitting tobacco juice on the floor, or any other annoyance of a disturbing nature to the services. Any one violating those rules may expect to be dealt with according to the Law.

Rev. L. S. Garrett Manager.

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PUBLIC SALE.

I will offer for Sale on Aug. 11th. 1913, three-fourth mi. S. of Brushy-knob, at the Colony location, the following property to-wit:

1 Grey horse 6 years old. 1 Bay horse 4 years old, the two makes a good team. 1 Span of good black horses, well gaited and match well, 4 and 5 yrs. old. 2 set of wagon harness and 2 good wagons, 1 good cow and calf. 5 head of hogs,

All my farming implements.

Also, 1 fine dresser, 1 extra good cook stove, 1 Safe and chairs, and household and kitchen furniture to numerous to mention. No reserve in this sale.

TERMS OF SALE,

12 months time will be given at 8 per cent interest from date of sale over \$5. Note with approved security. All sums under \$5 cash. 8 per cent discount for cash. No article to be removed until settled for.

JERRY HAINES Owner,
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